

(a) whether there is an immense scope for rearing fish in Hirakud reservoir and Chilka Lake in Orissa;

(b) if so, the steps taken to explore the possibility;

(c) whether any scheme is proposed to be launched shortly;

(d) if so, the assistance proposed to be given to Orissa in this regard ; and

(e) if not, the steps proposed to be taken to optimise the fish yield from this reservoir and lake in Orissa.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Inland Capture Fisheries Research Institute (CICFRI) of Indian Council of Agricultural Research has recently carried out the survey of fisheries potential of Hirakud reservoir. The per hectare yield of fish production of the reservoir is low against the State level and national level average. Area along the Chilka lake in the districts of Ganjam average. Area along the Chilka lake in the districts of Ganjam and Puri is being developed for prawn farming under Centrally Sponsored Brackishwater Fish Farmers' Development Agency Scheme.

(c) to (e). On the basis of CICFRI report on Hirakud reservoir, State Government of Orissa has been requested to formulate a scheme in consultation with National Cooperative Development Corporation for the development of fisheries in the reservoir.

Mushroom Production

1570. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a great scope for increasing mushroom production in the country;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this direction so far;

(c) whether the Government have any specific proposal to give a boost to mushroom cultivation in Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). Government of India with Dutch assistance has established infrastructure facilities for production of mushroom in the states of Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka. A Central Sector Scheme with an outlay of Rs. 15 lakhs has been proposed to boost mushroom cultivation in the potential states during 1992-93.

NDDB Projects in Orissa

1571. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) propose to set up some projects in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the places where these projects are proposed to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C.LENKA): (a) There is no proposal at present under consideration of the Nation-

Dairy Development Board to set up some new projects in Orissa.

(b) Does not arise., in view of reply at (a) above.

[Translation]

Hindi and English Magazines

1572. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of provisions made for Hindi and English Magazines published by the Government to provide equal status, staff and other facilities in respect thereof;

(b) whether these provisions are being implemented in all the Ministries/Departments; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) No provision has been made in this regard. Concerned Ministries/Depart-

ments/Offices etc. take the decision as per their requirements.

(b) and (c). Question does not arise.

Disparity in Rates of Diesel,Petrol and LPG Cylinder In States

1573. SHRI SURYA NARAIN YADAV:
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the rates of diesel, petrol, kerosene and LPG, State-wise;

(b) the reasons for disparity in rates of diesel and petrol in states; and

(c) whether the Government propose to bring parity in the rates of these items in States?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKAR-ANAND): (a) A Statement showing the rates of Diesel,Petrol, Kerosene and LPG at the State Capitals is enclosed.

(b) and (c). The prices are uniform ex-storage point. However, the retail prices vary because of freight, local levies etc.

STATEMENT

*Prices of Diesel, Petrol, Total, Kerosene and LPG as on 1.2.1992 at the state/out Capital.
Rs./Per litre*

Location	MS	HSD	SKO	Rs./14.2 Kg. Cyl.	LPG (Domestic)
Bombay	16.71	5.68	2.44		66.00
Calcutta	15.48	5.31	2.70		77.00
Delhi	14.62	5.05	2.52		67.90
Madras	17.17	5.72	2.80		71.05